



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

Wow, COVID-19 hit our activity hard, though maybe not quite as hard as it hit square dancing. It has caused us to cancel the TRDTA West Coast Swing education event we were wanting to hold. Perhaps after COVID-19 has diminished, we can look into rescheduling it.

As the curve begins to flatten, and many dancers are itching to get back into the activity, remember we can't just throw open the doors and return to business as usual, if we can even get back onto our dance floors. We still need to consider social distancing, and limit the number of dancers so that there is room for the couples to maintain their distance.

We can encourage dancers to wave and say hi to their friends. rather than to run over to shake hands and hug. Encourage everyone to wash their hands frequently and make sure hand sanitizer is available. Discourage sharing partners, as you can have absolutely no symptoms and still be contagious. As much as we don't like them, masks are still a good idea as our activity takes place indoors for the most part. Don't forget to distance the chairs as well. And, of course, ask your dancers to stay home if they have any COVID symptoms.

Stay safe, stay healthy and we hope to see you all again soon.

Ron and Pat Plouch



Festival Reports

There are no festival reports for the last two months as the country has been shut down. ICBDA, which was to be held in Reno, Nevada, was cancelled. Roundarama at Purdue has also been canceled. Gert-Jan and Susie Rotscheid who are now doing the Eureka Springs, Arkansas, festivals are stuck in the Netherlands so have cancelled Eureka Springs this year.

Call for Teachers for the TRDTA 2020 Festival

Bob & Kay Kurczewski

Vice-President, TRDTA and Program Chair for the Festival

We are still planning to host the TRDTA Association Round Dance which will be held in La Grange on 26-27 February. Of course, I cannot predict the future and things could change, but as of right now "Let's have a Round Dance."

With that positive attitude, I am sending out a call for instructors for Saturday, 27 February. The level of teaches will be Phase 2, Phase 3, and a Phase 4 dances. The Phase 2 or 3 workshop has, in the past, been a Classic or Oldie Dance. It was requested that the Phase 4 be a West Coast Swing dance at the last TRDTA Meeting in February, if possible.

If you are interested in teaching, please let me know what workshop you would like to teach. I would like to have the instructors programmed in the next few weeks. That way they can start preparing for their workshops.

Thank you for your dedication to TRDTA and helping the dancers have a great experience with this Festival. From the comments we received from the last Festival, everyone was very satisfied and happy with the Festival we host.



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Cuing News a-Round Texas

News a-Round Texas includes all information from cuer members about their lessons and club received by the newsletter deadline. Newsletters are published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

If you are interested in attending a club in Texas, please contact the cuer for the most up-to-date information on venue and nights dancing. Many clubs might be closed on the date you want to visit as venues change and unexpected closures happen, or someone is simply not teaching that month.

See the TRDTA website at www.trdta.org for the directory information which includes the telephone numbers of all the TRDTA cuers. Email addresses are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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We just started back dancing on June 2nd with a small group.

Editor's note: Fred and Linda had submitted their news on time for the last newsletter, but it got hung up in their email provider's server unbeknownst to them. Unfortunately, I did not receive it until several days after the TRDTA newsletter was posted. So the information below was for the April newsletter.

Well, nothing like a virus to ruin some good dancing activity. Our area has not been hit very hard at all but now it's shelter in place anyway.

This class was making good progress until our recent shutdown:

- Could I Have This Dance, 2 WZ, Eddins
- I'd Fall in Love Tonight, 2 WZ, Speranzo
- Mission Bell Waltz, 2 WZ, Metzger
- Tips of My Fingers, 2 WZ, Palmquist

We continued working on Phase 3/4 dances with this class and included some intermediate Foxtrot figures for them.

- After Midnight, 4 TG, Moore (Review)
- Aladdin, 3 RB, Kincaid
- Angel on My Shoulder, 4 FT, Gloodt
- I'm Falling For You, 4 RB, Worlock
- Lover's Dance, 3 WZ, Haartung
- My Foolish Heart, 4 BL, Preskitt

We primarily worked on reviewing dances that had previously been taught but did add some new routines.

- A Thousand Year, 4 RB, Armstrong (Review)
- Aladdin, 3 RB, Kincaid
- G.I. Jive, 4 JV, Hicks
- My Foolish Heart, 4 BL, Preskitt
- When You're Gone Tomorrow, 3 RB, Schmidt
- Black Tie Tango, 4 TG, Moore (Review)
- Los Rayos del Sol, 5 RB, Moore
- Usted, 5 BL, Worlock (Review)



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Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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It seems like forever since we have danced, but we are hoping that Rainbow Rounds will resume in August. Ed has worked way too hard, making repairs, painting, and building a new deck. We will have to relearn a bunch of dances, so that is our next project.

Just recently, we have been having two to three couples at a time (so we can distance) come to our house to dance.

We are so glad that Ed Koslosky and our Clint Fowler are doing better, and we are hoping that Jack and Sharie's daughter will be ready to go home soon.

Ed got our website updated, so our newest dances (listed below) are now there. I need to get them posted on the RAL index, but I get side-tracked easily! Our website: www.gloodts-letsdance.com.

- All His Children II, 2+2 WZ
- Pisces Rumba, 4+1 RB (taught at Round-up last October, so not really new)
- Wake the Town, 3+2 JV/FT
- When You're Smiling, 4+2 FT (written for Johnsons to teach in Florida, but like everything else, the festival was canceled!)

Email Hugs to everyone,
Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron – Garland, TX

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Other than Theron growing a beard starting on March 11 and finally shaving it off on June 6, nothing has been going on here. Other than going to the store for necessities, and one doctor appointment, we've been staying home. Granger Recreation Center in Garland had previously said we would start back to dancing the first week in June. However, the Garland City Council didn't agree with their plan, but now apparently has given the "green light" to start back the first week in July. So, assuming nothing else derails us, we will start basic waltz lessons on July 6 and will resume our Tuesday night Ramblin' Rounds on July 7. We have no indication when the City of Dallas will let us resume our Wednesday night group at Churchill Recreation Center.

Hope we'll have more positive news next time around.

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Not much to report for us. We've been hunkering down in Mesa for the rest of March, and all of April and May. Right at the end of May we moved to Pinetop for a month. It's about 180 miles northeast of Mesa in the White Mountains and about 20 degrees cooler than Mesa. All our dance events and schedule travel adventures have been canceled up to the New Mexico RDA Festival in Albuquerque in September. We're waiting to hear about it. Should know in about a week.

A truly catastrophic summer for us, just like the rest of the world. We have not contracted the virus, although I had a scare when I started running a temperature, with headache, chills, nausea, & diarrhea.



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Got tested with a negative result (that test is a real pain!!!). It lasted about 3 days. Have no idea what it was, but glad it was not the virus.

We've danced a couple of times in small halls, either in Mesa and already once here in Pinetop. Not a real dance, just to see if we can still perform any figures! Our biggest news is that we're in the process of purchasing a new to us RV. It's currently being checked for mechanical and safety issues, and if it passes, we'll complete the purchase. We figure we can spend all this forced down time on transferring the 14 years worth of belongings in our current RV to a different one!

We will wait to find out if the NMRDA event is a go before we decide on where to go from here. If it cancels, we'll probably just stay here in the Arizona White Mountains and continue to hunker down for the summer.

We hope everyone else in the dance world is safe and anticipating getting back to dancing sometime in the somewhat near future! Sure miss everyone and can't wait to dance again with our dance family!! By the way, anyone that wants access to our On Line Dance Teaching Library can contact me and I'll provide the password with no charge. It has not been updated since 2018 and could disappear at any time as we are not in control of it.

We look forward to hearing from everyone.

George and Pamela

Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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We have not been dancing, so no news.

Jack and Sharie Kenny – Arlington, TX

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No dancing activity for the past two months and our dance halls are still closed. Possibly we might be dancing in July for our Monday and Thursday clubs, but we'll see.

Many of you might know that our daughter has been in the ICU for over 3 weeks. She is finally starting to recover from acute renal failure, respiratory distress, and sepsis, which all started with a bad case of food poisoning or perhaps stomach flu. It is not COVID-19 related. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers sent by those of you who have been aware of the situation.

Martha and Ed Koslosky – Bryan, TX

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No dancing news here. We do appreciate all the cards and prayers for Ed that so many of you have sent over the last two months. Thank you so much.



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Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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In starting this article, we hope and pray that all of you, your loved ones, dancing friends and other associates are in good health and have been spared the agony of the Coronavirus. We have been blessed with this along with many of our dancing friends both here in the states and overseas.

Since the coronavirus has hit, we started off staying isolated, cancelling our Spring and Fall trips to Europe to the Passion Play, and catching up on that “Honey Do” list. The only problem with that was that the “Honey Do” list kept getting longer and longer as we looked around and saw something else that needed to be fixed or corrected that was not on the “Honey Do” list. We do not think we will ever get caught-up and complete that list. Ski has had all sorts of time since he decided to notify Tractor Supply that he was not going to work during the pandemic. They understood and did not schedule him to work for a good three months. During the first month or more we did not leave our little 13 acres but for 2 or 3 times. Nice to have a little land to keep us busy and kids helping us with minor shopping.

With the pandemic slowing down and the easing of restrictions, we decided to start holding classes here at the house. With our classes being small we were able to keep safe social distancing and still dance. We have started our complete program including our Foxtrot/Waltz Class, along with our other three workshops. Since we are having some problems with the church about the use of their hall, we have started dancing here at the house on Thursday afternoons. We are still trying to contact the church to see if we could resolve the issues with them, but due to the virus going on, there is minimum to no staff available to contact. Hopefully with the easing of restrictions we will be able to contact the church soon and once again be back in the hall dancing.

Since we have started back dancing, we have taught the following dances with the various groups since the last Newsletter.

Foxtrot/Waltz Class:

We are still adding figures and incorporating them into dances. The dances that are currently being done are:

- Answer Me, 3 Waltz, Palmquist
- Die Lorelei, 3 Waltz, Bendewald
- Any Dream Foxtrot, 3 Foxtrot, Pinks
- Ruby Red Dress Foxtrot, 3 Foxtrot, Seurer
- Peg of My Heart, 3 Foxtrot, Floden
- Dream a Little Dream III, 3 Foxtrot, Pinks
- Once in Awhile, 3 Foxtrot, Micketti
- Anything Goes with Foxtrot, 3 Foxtrot, Toth

They have joined us at our Party Dance and are dancing Cha Cha, Jive and Rumba that they have learned in previous classes. They are doing outstanding and are going to be a great asset to our dancing community.

Phase 3-4 Workshop:

Knocking off the rust and working on figures and previously taught dances:

- Desert Song, 3 Waltz, Leach
- Autumn Nocturne, 3 Waltz, McGlynn



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Phase 4-5 Workshop:

Reviewed figures for the following dances:

- Los Reyes del Sol, 5 Rumba, Moore
- Perfidia in Brazil, 5 Rumba, Hurd
- Just Another Women in Love, 6 Rumba, Anderson
- Jurame, 5 Rumba, Worlock

Phase 5-6 Workshop:

We are working on Paso Doble figures and have taught the following dances:

- Are You Still Mine, 6 Bolero, Goss
- Adagio, 6 Waltz, Worlock
- Jesse, 5 Waltz, Shibata
- Warm & Willing, 5 Foxtrot, Childers/Slotsve

That completes the activities from this end of the world so we better be going. Need to keep working on that never ending “Honey Do” list. If you are going crazy with the inactivity of not dancing and would like to join us, please contact us first. We want to ensure that you have room to dance and can keep safe social distancing. We are restricting our class size.

Take care, BE SAFE, STAY HEALTHY, and hope to see you all soon at a dance.

Kay and Bob “Ski’s” Kurczewski

Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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We don’t have any news to report. Not much is happening here.

Regarding our West Coast Swing instructional clinic, unfortunately, there was not enough confirmed interest (post COVID-19) to hold the clinic next month. Thanks to Karen and Ed Gloodt for their willingness to give up a weekend and agree to come to Friendswood.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer safely.

Jerry and Lucy Pate – Round Rock, TX

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We don’t have any news to report. We haven’t done much dancing since March.

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Dance Arouds – Thursdays evenings – 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. – Plano, TX

The recreation centers in Plano where we teach are still closed for classes. Earlier there was consideration to possibly open the general centers to classes sometime this summer, but we have yet to hear anything further. The senior center, however, is still closed indefinitely where we have our Dance



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Arounds club. They did ask for our class schedule for fall, however, so we will just have to see how that all works out.

On a fun note, we've had wrens build a nest in a ceramic pitcher that sits on top of a corner shelving unit on our patio. We thought there might be eggs, but it seemed the nest might have abandoned because we hadn't seen them. So JL decided to power wash the patio and picked up the pitcher to move it.

One really angry mama bird flew out. Boy did she give him a ration. He hurried up and cleaned the corner of the patio, all the time while mama is squawking from the Japanese maple. Then he moved the shelf unit with pitcher back into the corner. We quickly went into the house to give her space, and she returned to the nest. Whew! We sure didn't want her abandoning the nest.

About a week or so later we see lots of trips back and forth with food – they were feeding babies. Sometime during that period, we moved a large plant out to the patio and I left the door open. Now we have an upset bird in the house on the ceiling fan in the office. After gently chasing it through the house, we managed to get it out the bedroom window by closing all the shades except the open window where JL had pushed out the screen. Excitement plus!

Then last week we had loud talking birds every morning at 6:15 the minute it got fairly light. We've since thought that's how the parents get the fledglings to fly out of the nest. But the really cool part – we were sitting on the patio after dinner and one of the parents is talking up a storm on the other table. Suddenly two fledglings popped out of the pitcher. One immediately flew off, then the second, and suddenly a third popped out too. That was really cool to see. Not the best flyers initially, but they immediately dived for cover in the back yard.

The next day JL thought he heard them in the back behind the fence next to the driveway, but since then we haven't heard or seen the parents or the new fledglings. It's hard to believe we actually saw them leave the nest. It couldn't have taken more than about 5 minutes total before they were gone.

Ron and Pat Plouch – San Antonio, TX

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Please remember to use our old gmail address ronpatdance@gmail.com or call us on our cell phones if you need to reach us since our move to temporary housing until our new house is complete.

Ronde Rounds – Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – San Antonio area

We haven't taught any new dances as we were closed for most of the time since the last Newsletter. However, as restrictions have been lifted, we have begun to dance again. We basically lost our entire beginning class, but our longer term members have returned.

We've separated the chairs two by two over six feet apart; provided masks, gloves and hand sanitizer; turned on the fans and the air conditioners, and have enough space for our dancers to easily maintain distancing between couples. In looking for a silver lining to the loss of our beginning class, we've agreed with our dancers to begin looking at Phase IV waltz during the time we were using for the beginning waltz students. The dancers are so happy to be back, but we're limiting attendance to our existing members and are not allowing any new people in for the time being.

Hope to see you round,
Ron and Pat



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Future Dance Event Flyers

Flyers for these events, if available, are posted at www.trdta.org on the Dance Flyers page. Here is a direct link to the TRDTA Dance Events page www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html to download the flyers.

Send any flyers you have that you want posted to JL Pelton at peltondances@gmail.com. Festivals or weekends *must* include a round dance teaching component to be posted on the TRDTA website or in this newsletter.

■ **CANCELLED**

Ozark Round Dance Vacation 2020– 2 sessions – Eureka Springs, AR
Kristine and Bruce Nelson and Susie and Gert-Jan Rotscheid – Rounds only

- August 16-19, Phase 3, 4, 5
- August 23-26, Phase 4, 5, 5+

- **60th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival**, Phase 4-6, November 27-29, 2020, Dallas, TX
Curt and Tammy Worlock – Rounds only
Pre-Festival dances and teaches, November 23-25, Swingtime Center, Ft. Worth, TX
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com

- **TRDTA South Festival**, Phase 2-4, February 26-27, 2021, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only

Membership in TRDTA

Membership on the TRDTA website reflects all currently active members.

To become a member of TRDTA,
please send an email indicating your interest in membership to:
Tammy Lee at tammy.lee@swbell.net

List of Dances Taught in Beginning Lessons

See the full list in previous newsletters. This feature will return once more instructors are back to teaching basic lessons.